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September Speaker—Anne Schellman —Beautiful Bulbs

AUTUMN IS NATURE'S CUE TO START DREAMING IN BLOOMS!

As the leaves begin to fall, it's the ideal moment to dig into bulb planting—think tulips, crocuses, anemones, ranunculus, daffodils, hyacinths, and beyond. But don't stop there—spring stars like amaryllis, gladioli, and dahlias also deserve a spotlight.

Join horticulturist and UC Master Gardener Coordinator Anne Schellman for an inspiring journey into planning your most vibrant fall and spring garden yet!



Fall Gathering — September 20th — Lee Lundrigan

Fall Gathering Tickets went on sale Wednesday morning August 20 at the MGC Office, located at 622 14th Street. They may also be purchased at the September 11 General Meeting.

Event Date:	Saturday September. 20, 2025
Time:	5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Hosted by:	Brad & Nancy Hawn
Location:	231 Magnolia Avenue, Modesto
Tickets:	\$50 each/\$90 per couple
Live Music & Dancing:	by Home Grown
Catered Dinner:	by Jeanette Robinson
Finger Food Desserts:	by Debbi Perry
Drinks:	Wine, water, tea, coffee

This event is limited to the first 100 Modesto Garden Club members and their friends. Tickets are required and must be purchased in advance. It will be a night of merriment.

Hope to see you there. Call/ text/email Lee Lundrigan: 209-303-0011 or Lundrigan@bigvalley.net to join the Fall Gathering team and help kick off this evening of camaraderie.

Tickets available thru

Nancy Holmes: at the September 11 General Meeting.

Her message phone 209-765-9290

Deanna Clark at the Garden Club office Wednesday's from 9a..m.-12 noon

Be sure to

Pick up your 2025/2026 Yearbook today

September President's Message – *Nancy Robinson*

Welcome back everyone.

I'm excited for this new year to begin. We have some exciting activities coming up. Some may recall that last spring the Modesto Garden Club purchased a Blue Star Memorial Marker to be installed at the Commemorative Air Force Central CA Valley Squadron Hanger. We have scheduled the unveiling ceremony for Friday, September 19. Please see the attached flyer for exact location. Several dignitaries will be speaking and I appreciate the involvement of the military veterans. This event is open to the public and you are all invited to attend.

I was happy to represent our club at the California Garden Club, Inc. annual convention in southern California. We were presented with several awards. I will have a presentation board displaying these awards at the September meeting.

Our Modesto Garden Club will be hosting the next Valley Lode District meeting on October 12. The speaker will be Mel Machado Chief Agricultural Officer from the Blue Diamond Almonds. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at the September meeting.

I'm looking forward to a fun filled year with lots of opportunities to spend time with friends, many activities and opportunities to learn more about gardening.

Happy Gardening,

Nancy Robinson



CGCI Awards presented to Modesto Garden Club 2024

- 1) # 54, Class 7 – Yearbook
- 2) #15 – Home Garden Tour
- 3) Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement for the 2024 Awards Year
- 4) Sweepstakes Award
- 5) Youth Leader of the Year Award – Patricia Logan – For demonstrating the most ingenuity and dedication in working with Youth Groups during the 2024 Awards Year

Pacific Region Award presented to Modesto Garden Club 2024

- 6) #11A-d Fundraising Project / Event – Fall Gathering 2024

Planters & Groomers—Gerry Yockey

What a summer! We have done so many things.

We started with putting down new sod in the front yard twice. Both times the lawn had died. I wish I knew why. The water was shut off accidentally for a week and I know that didn't help.

We had a wonderful time at Debbi Perry's home for lunch and a going-away party for Emily and Suzie Ryslinge who are moving to Hawaii. Thanks, Debbi, for the wonderful food.

Earlier this summer we met at Emily's home for a going away lunch for Shirley Miller who moved to Texas.

It is sad to say goodbye to these wonderful friends.

Sue Murry has joined our group, and we welcome her to our family.

We are all looking forward to the start of our club year in September.

If you are interested in joining our group, call me at 209-484-0359

Civic Affairs—Dave Provost

Hello, fellow gardeners.

Haven't we been blessed with a great Summer? I know I've loved the weather. Just wonderful compared to last year. I know the flowers too have enjoyed it. The roses have lasted and lasted, last year they would burn up.

I know many of you lead busy lives. All that everyone does in the club is amazing. Sometimes though we need to ask for more help. We really need some volunteers to help out at the Centennial garden.

Please contact me by text phone or email if you can help. (209)-602-3818

I have missed the meetings and talking with everyone. Old and new friends. And learning. Last season Bob brought in some great speakers. I can't wait to see what is coming.

See you all in September.

Dave

Workshops—Carla Latimer—Stacked Pumpkins — Wall/ Door Hanger



STACKED PUMPKINS WALL/DOOR HANGER!

September 22nd

16-person class

\$30.00 per person

Place: MGC Office

Time: 10 am to 1 pm

Snacks, coffee & tea provided!

Signups will be at the September
Club meeting.

Carla Latimer

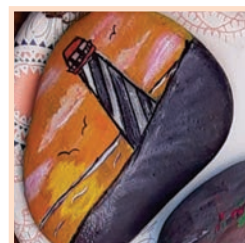
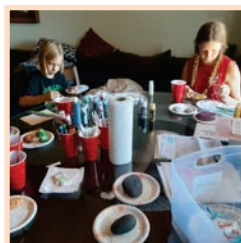
Member Benefits—Sheri McCoy—*Bring your favorite finger food*

As our summer break starts to come to an end here are a few of my current projects. My 100-year-old black walnut is down; a new Rock Garden is under way. Teaching my granddaughters to paint the first rocks to start my collection.

I used a fundraising roll out paper that had seeds on it to start my flower garden...so fun and easy.

As we get ready for our September 11th MGC General Meeting please get a hold of me if you would like to provide a center piece for our food table. Remember to please bring your favorite finger food to share, no need to sign up but if you want a great variety...please bring your share.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and if you have any questions call me at 209-277-7898...Sheri McCoy



Art Appreciation & Open House—Dan Yockey—Member Art Show

Do you paint? Or sculpt? Do you spend your time doing needlepoint? Is photography your passion? Perhaps you are a pottery designer.

Whatever form your artwork takes we would love to have you display it in our Art Appreciation and open house at the Garden Club Office, Saturday October 25th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m..

Enjoy with us the talents of your fellow club members and tour our beautiful club house and gardens.

This event is free to our members and guests.

See you there.



Fall Gathering

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
5pm to 9pm

Wine... Dinner... Coffee... Tea

Dancing to Music by Home Grown

At the beautiful home of: Brad & Nancy Hawn
Located at: 231 Magnolia Avenue

Tickets are: \$50 each or \$90 per couple

*Tickets are required and must be purchased in advance at the
September 11th Meeting or
MGC Office 622 14th Street Wednesday Mornings from the end of August*



BEST FALL EVENT

An Unforgettable Summer Luncheon



Budding Gardeners



The Wild Flowers Budding Gardeners Group toured the McHenry Museum on June 24th. It was so informative and some of the girls had never been there. We then had lunch at Fuzios Restaurant.



Modesto Garden Club Out of Town Tour

Monet Expo: The Immersive Experience
Saturday, September 27, 2025

Come travel back in time with me to 1870 and experience the world of Claude Monet. We will touch his lily pads, sit under the oak trees with the picnickers, walk thru hay fields and maybe even sip a glass of wine.

SOUND UNBELIEVABLE??

not with today's engineering...

We will sit in a room that's been turned into a 360° digital art exhibit that invites you to explore the world of the French painter Claude Monet. The exhibit showcases 300 of his paintings and sketches in ways you will never experience again. From feelings of walking on water to standing on Monet's famous lily pads that touch and tickle our feet.

So... put on your imagination caps and travel back with me to 1870-1921 to *see, feel and hear* Claude Monet, the man who helped define the Impressionist movement.

(Trips are Non-Refundable)

Gathering Place: Park & Ride, Vintage Faire Mall

Cost: \$85.00

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Time: 8:30 am—4:30 pm

For more information, call Patté Williams at (209) 505-3526



cut here

Name _____ Guest _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Amount Paid _____ **NO REFUNDS!!** Make checks payable to: Modesto Garden Club
Send to: Patté Williams c/o Modesto Garden Club 622 14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354-2505

Over the Garden Gate

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Modesto Garden Club to Host Valley Lode District Meeting



All Things Almonds

Mel is a member of the Executive Leadership Team, he assists in the management of the almond cooperative serving approximately 3,000 members throughout California's central valley. Mel has been with Blue Diamond since 1992



Mel Machado
Chief Agricultural Officer
Blue Diamond Growers

Mel will discuss the importance of the Almond industry in Modesto and the Central Valley.

Valley Lode District Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

9:00AM Registration

9:30AM Meeting



Location: Modesto Covenant Church
913 Floyd Ave. Modesto, CA 95350

Please carpool if possible - limited parking

Dont forget to wear your club name badge.

Registration

\$35

Deadline: September 15, 2025

Hosted by:

Modesto Garden Club

MAIL: REGISTRATION & CHECK

Modesto Garden Club
622 14th St.
Modesto, CA 95354



Ripon Garden Club

SEPTEMBER GARDEN STROLL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025

10:00AM - 2:00PM

- TOUR FIVE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS \$25 per adult
- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS \$10 per child 12 & under
- RAFFATUNITY & SILENT AUCTION (no strollers, please)

Tickets Available at these Locations:

Strand Ace Hardware - Ripon
Park Greenhouse - Ripon
Thompson Nursery - Ripon
Magpie Antiques - Ripon
Butler's Pantry - Ripon
Ripon Garden Club Members

Morris Nursery - Riverbank
Rainforest Nursery - Manteca
The Greenery Nursery - Turlock
Westurf Nursery - Modesto
Ripon Chamber of Commerce

For additional ticket sale locations visit:

ripongardenclub.org

Thank you for your support!



You are invited to the

BLUE STAR

MEMORIAL MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONY

Friday, September 19, 2025

11:00 a.m.

700 Tioga Drive Hangar 1-S, Modesto

Please join The Modesto Garden Club and the Commemorative Air Force Squadron in a dedication ceremony of the Blue Star Memorial Marker.

The Blue Star Memorial Program honors the men and women who have served, those presently serving and those who will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

The marker will be located in the newly landscaped garden with red, white, and blue, shrubs and trees at the Modesto Airport Commemorative Air Force Hangar 1-S.

This ceremony is open to the public.



Oakdale Garden Club presents OAKDALE AUTUMN GARDEN TOUR

Saturday
October 4, 2025

10am-2pm

Tour five local gardens

Purchase Tickets at these locations:

A Touche of Flowers
822 West F St - Oakdale

Ace Hardware
Oakdale

Morris Nursery
Riverbank

Park Green House
Ripon

Oakdale Garden Club Members

Tickets \$25



The Shoppe
110 N. Third Ave - Oakdale

Westurf Nursery
Modesto

The Greenery
Turlock



622 14th Street
Modesto, CA 95354-2505

Address

Upcoming Calendar of Events

September 6 — Ripon Stroll Garden Tour
Location: Ripon 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

September 11 — MGCI General Meeting
Location: Modesto Covenant Church
913 Floyd Avenue
Hospitality: 10:00 a.m.
Business: 11:15 — Noon
Speaker: Noon — 1:00 p.m.

September 19 — Blue Star Memorial Dedication
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: 700 Tioga Drive, Hangar 1-S, Modesto

September 20 — Fall Gathering
Location: Home of Brad & Nancy Hawn
231 Magnolia, Modesto
Time: 5:00 p.m. — 9 :00 p.m.
Cost: \$50 / person, or \$90 / couple

September 22 — Stacked Pumpkin Workshop
Location: MGC Office 622 14th Street
Cost: \$30

September 25 — MGCI Board Meeting
Club Office — 622 14th Street, Modesto
9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

September 27 — Out of Town Tour — Immersion of Monet
Monet: *The Immersive Experience*
Location: 31 15th Street — West Sacramento
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Cost: \$85.00

October 4 — Autumn Garden Tour
Location: Oakdale 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

October 9 — MGCI General Meeting
Location: Modesto Covenant Church
913 Floyd Avenue
Hospitality: 10:00 a.m.
Business: 11:15 — Noon
Speaker: Noon — 1:00 p.m.

October 14 — Valley Lode District Meeting
Location: Modesto Covenant Church
913 Floyd Avenue
Reservations required,— contact Nancy
Robinson Cost: \$35

October 25 — Art Show
Club Office — 622 14th Street, Modesto
10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Cost: *Free*

October 30— MGCI Board Meeting
Club Office — 622 14th Street, Modesto
9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

November 13 — MGCI General Meeting
Location: Modesto Covenant Church
913 Floyd Avenue, Modesto
Hospitality: 10:00 a.m.
Business: 11:15 — Noon
Speaker: Noon — 1:00 p.m.

November 20 — MGCI Board Meeting
Club Office — 622 14th Street, Modesto
9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.